



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time July 20, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. | Meeting called by Regularly Scheduled

### In Attendance

**Council:** Roger Crick, Pam Curry, Mark Deeter, Scott Myers, ~~Dan Stewart~~, T. L. Stewart, Vacancy, Timothy Yeany/ Mayor

**Also Present:** Chief Bob Malnofsky, Officer J. Smith/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Mike Graham, Chair/ Rimersburg Boro. Mun. Auth.; Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup.

### Call to Order

The July 20, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott Myers at 6:59 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark.

### Persons to Be Heard

Frank presented the previous month's water report for Council review. Water loss appears to be down to approx. 556,000 per month. Some small leaks were found on Carr St., the Fairgrounds Road surface, etc.

The 2012 pickup truck was repaired.

East Brady flagged for streets painting. It was noted that 2 nearby boroughs noticed the street, curb, manhole, etc. painting and complimented it. They expressed desire to duplicate it and asked how, colors, etc.

PennDOT contacted the office to relay that they are planning to pave state roads in Rimersburg Borough in the year 2022 if all goes according to plan. They asked for any plans to replace infrastructure. Council members expressed concerns about storm drainage and were curious about plans to replace those.

Police recommended, when asked about the parking issues on Main St., shortening the length of time parking is allowed and combining all parking ordinances into one ordinance. Chief also recommended giving authority for removal of vehicles in the street under certain conditions if not already in place, and a tiered fine structure for violation of parking ordinances. Chief informed Council of the fundraiser/ public relations event, Cops and Bobbers, scheduled for New Bethlehem and mentioned that it would be good to have an event in Rimersburg Borough with its citizens.

Mike Graham informed Council of a few items from the Authority meetings. There is a plan to expand accuracy of the GIS mapping (to which survey information will be added) with drone flights through the engineering firm, EADS Group.

The Authority has discussed paying for the maintenance and replacement of hydrants as needed throughout the system. They propose adding a hydrant fee to all water bills throughout the service area according to the number of hydrants versus the number of customers in each municipality. The following are proposed rates for hydrant maintenance, repair, and replacement to be adjusted annually based upon active municipal locations:

- 1) Brady Twp. = \$2.83/ customer/ month = \$17.00/ hydrant/ month x 2 hydrants = \$34.00/ month divided by 12 customers
- 2) Madison Twp. = .94 cents / customer/ month = \$17.00/ hydrant/ month x 13 hydrants = \$221.00/ month divided by 236 customers
- 3) Rimersburg Borough (after this fiscal year) = \$1.38/ customer/ month = \$17.00/ hydrant/ month x 37 hydrants = \$629.00/ month divided by 455 customers = \$1.38/ customer/ month
- 4) \*Toby Twp. = \$1.50/ customer/ month = \$17.00/ hydrant/ month x 11 hydrants = \$187.00/ month divided by 125 customers

The general consensus among Council present is to table this issue for budget planning and incorporate for the 2021 year, reducing the fire tax within the Borough accordingly.

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## Approval of Minutes

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The June 1, 2020 and July 6, 2020 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark Deeter, second by Pam Curry, and a unanimous vote.

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## Financial

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Bank Account balances were shown plainly on reports provided for Council review. Mark made a motion to pay the bills, that was seconded by Roger Crick, and carried by unanimous vote.

Pam made a motion to pay off the 2017 Ford pick up truck early to save interest. Roger gave her motion a second and it carried with a unanimous vote.

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## Committee Reports

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**Mayor:** Tim informed Council that he had attended the new Police Association meeting and that it appeared to go well. It will help them with grant money. They have name in place, checking account, etc. They will have a second meeting soon. He agrees that Rimersburg Borough citizens and police would benefit from a police fundraiser/ public relations event here. General consensus was agreement.

**Personnel Committee:** None

**Public Safety:** None

**Building Committee:** None

**Streets Committee:** PennDOT traffic would like to come and assess the area(s) for solutions to speeding on state road Cherry Run Street and other sites if necessary. The representative expressed enthusiasm for signage such as Slow Down, Children at Play as a good beginning experiment. He expects to visit next week or the week after.

Hager Paving, 2020 Seal Coat Project status – Frank has not heard from them yet. He is confident he will once they are ready.

Streets Committee will meet Thurs., July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Parking Ordinance(s) and Main St. Parking in front of Wanda's Cafe/ Klingensmith's. Dan Davis, who has expressed concerns over increased storm water drainage into his property, is invited to attend to find out what ideas he has for a solution to the drainage issue.

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## Unfinished Business

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## Correspondence

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## New Business

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**The written resignation of Rob Whitmer, who may not serve on Borough Council as a Civil Service employee, was received 2020/06/05, term end first Mon. 2022. Roger made a motion to accept the resignation by resolution, seconded by Mark, and Resolution 7-2020 was adopted with a unanimous vote.**

**Roger made a motion to nominate Jeffrey Kaetzel to fill the Council vacancy. Pam seconded his nomination and the vote was unanimous to appoint Jeff Kaetzel to serve on Rimersburg Borough Council.**

Roger mentioned that Ron Fox will be setting markers and submitting survey results soon.

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## Adjournment

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Monday, Aug. 3, 2020 | 7:00 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary